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--16/ A regulator according to claim 9, wherein the means for preventing feed are carried by a mask storage box and said mask carries said regulator and said means for preventing feed are designed to retain the selection member in the normal position so long as the mask is in storage and to cause it to move into the emergency position when the mask is extracted from the box.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the abstract of the PCT application with the abstract typed on the attached sheet.

REMARKS

The changes are made for better compliance with U.S. PTO practice and not in any way for overcoming references.

An early and favorable action allowing claims 9-16 is respectfully requested.

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